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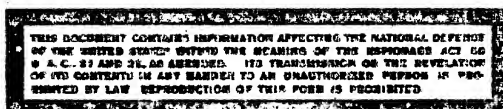
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Establishment of VEB Funkanlagen

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1. The Funkwerk Koepenick at Mendenschlostrasse 154-158 in Berlin-Koepenick has two main divisions: (a) Works I located at the above address, housing the works' direction and its development department, and (b) Works II located at Edisonstrasse in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide containing the Production Division. In addition, there is a Messphysik-Abteilung (Measurement Services Division) sometimes referred to as Works III, located in Zernsdorf.
2. Until about the middle of 1951, the works was under the administration of the VVB RFT; it was called Zentrallaboratorium fuer Signal-und Sonderanlagen (Central Laboratory for Signal and Special Installations). This name was changed to Funkwerk Koepenick in mid-1951, and the works were detached from RFT and placed under the Ministry for Machine Construction. In late spring 1952 its status was changed again and the organization was placed under the authority of the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications.
3. In addition to questions of personnel, the change in consumers probably played a main role in the transfer of the organization from the Ministry for Machine Construction to that of Post and Telecommunications. The works has been producing for internal German consumption as well as for export. Recently, the proportion of the works' capacity used for inner German consumption has been increasing while export activities have been more and more confined to planning and developing with actual construction for export diminishing gradually. The main German customer has been the East German Ministry for Post and Telecommunications; a large proportion of the plant's production in the next three years is for this Ministry. Thus, the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications desired not to be a mere customer but also to have a hand in controlling the works. The desired administrative change was made with relative ease, since the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications orders saved the works from repetition of the serious financial troubles which it experienced in 1950 and 1951.

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4. Early in 1953 the Projecting Department (Projektierungsstelle) of Funkwerk Koepenick was separated from the works although it continued to be located within the works' premises. 1/ The name of the Projektierungsstelle was changed to VEB Funkanlagen, and it was placed directly under the authority of the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications. Funkanlagen is to be put under the authority of the Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen at a later date. It is, however, known that the organization has worked in close cooperation with the BfW since it was created. The old Projektierungsstelle was mainly staffed by former Telefunken technicians; some of them were taken over by VEB Funkanlagen. A reliable Communist, Engineer Hubert Coenen, formerly with Funkwerk Koepenick, was made head of VEB Funkanlagen. Its Technical Director is (fru) Zurawka, director of the Koenigswusterhausen radio station until January 1953. (Fru) Wille, formerly Cultural Director of the Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen HF (Oberspreewerk) in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide and later with Funkwerk Koepenick for a short time, is one of the leading persons in VEB Funkanlagen. The VEB continues to do planning for Funkwerk Koepenick, particularly for its transmitter construction department: in addition it is working on projects for a number of other East German enterprises. The personnel of VEB Funkanlagen were strictly screened for political reliability prior to hiring; the entire service is surrounded with an atmosphere of high secrecy.

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